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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy and District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a five-count Indictment¹ against Nelson Acosta, Arturo Jaimespimentz, Luis Perez and Jose Velazquez distributed heroin from a house on May 28, 2009, and that he and his co-conspirators possessed additional heroin, cocaine and cocaine base (“crack”) in the house on May 29, 2009.

This investigation and prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods a joint initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, each of the nine District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive substantial sentences upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JOSE VELAZQUEZ	Philadelphia, PA	28 years old
NELSON ACOSTA	New York, NY	46 years old
ARTURO JAIMESPIMENTZ	Oakwood, GA	28 years old
LUIS PEREZ	Philadelphia, PA	31 years old

If convicted of all charges, the defendants face a maximum life in prison, a 10 year mandatory minimum prison sentence, a mandatory minimum up to lifetime supervised release, a fine of fine of \$11,000,000 and a \$500 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office under an initiative in which offenders are identified for prosecution in federal court, where the penalty upon conviction is likely

¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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to be significant. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Whitehead, Jr.

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